

Regarding PaddlerGames, From Those Involved

PaddlerGames, a once beloved Scratcher, has recently been suspected of botting, doxxing, and spamming. Through multiple confrontations and mountains of evidence, Scratch users @Giolaboman, @-Rocket-, @-WaffleLord- and @JrpgAddict (aka Hisshami) extracted a confession from Paddler, showing his crimes were much deeper rooted than the Giolaboman botting.

Before the drama with Giolaboman began, Paddler already had a history of stalking various users and trying to upload the entire Mario Movie to Scratch (which is distribution of piracy.) A week after PaddlerGames was deleted, we noticed Giolaboman began receiving an influx of botted comments on his profile, which included spam, harassment, and even doxxed information. We formed a group to begin investigating who was behind this, and Paddler became a suspect after realizing a lot of the botter's habits mirrored ones Paddler showed, such as having an obsession with Rocket and the identity of -Melon-Toons-. Since this was all after PaddlerGames was deleted, we had no way to directly contact him on Scratch; so, we found ways to reach out to him on alternate websites.

We confronted Paddler three times publicly on different websites regarding whether he was the botter, and each time, he deleted the means of communication before giving us a straight answer: once to Hisshami on Twitter (he got mass reported immediately afterwards on an obscure account), once to Rocket on Scratch, and once to Gio on Minnit. Some of you may remember his new Scratch account "Paddler-", which he deleted after Rocket asked him about the botting on his comment section. Every time we asked about it, he dodged the question and gave vague replies. He then mass emailed a bunch of famous Scratchers regarding the incident, and then to Gio a document where he confessed to numerous botting incidents that have occurred since 2020 via a website with virus bait ads.

The document is currently public, but in summary, it contains a full confession about his journey through botting. Some examples of his endeavors include mass pinging various Scratch Discord servers in 2020 through Discord accounts named [xx]numbers, doing frequent spam raids on Griffpatch's profile, getting the passwords of school accounts and using them to bot profiles, mass reporting many projects, and hacking Griffpatch games to use swear words, slurs, and links to NSFW content. He also confessed to botting his own profile, giving himself views, loves, and favorites.

Furthermore, in his statement, Paddler took responsibility for leading the harassment towards Giolaboman and has apologized for his actions. He wishes to part ways from the Scratch community permanently, and we ask you all to respect his wish and not try to follow him. He's told the truth, so there's nothing else we need from him. Paddler's full statement will be uploaded with this post.

If you have any questions about the situation, don't hesitate to reach out to any of us, but please be respectful and don't overload anyone with questions. Thank you for your time.

From Giolaboman, Rocket, Hisshami and Wafflelord